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SUBJ: INDO-PAK RELATIONS: BHUTTO PRESS CONFERENCE

1. IN DISCUSSING INDO-PAK RELATIONS IN COURSE WIDELY PUBLICIZED PRESS CONFERENCE ON EVE HIS DEPARTURE FOR US (SEE ALSO SEPTEL) PM BHUTTO STRESSED PAKISTAN'S RECORD IN IMPLEMENTING SIMLA AGREEMENT. HE CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE RECENT RESUMPTION AFTER TEN YEARS OF TRADE AND SHIPPING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE, BHUTTO SAID THERE WOULD ALSO BE FURTHER TALKS ON THE DEADLOCKED CIVIL AVIATION ISSUE AND DISCLOSED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI WOULD GO TO NEW DELHI IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR THESE TALKS. HE STATED MORE GENERALLY THAT THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SETBACKS HERE AND THERE, GOP STOOD BY THE COMMITMENTS IT HAD MADE IN THE AGREEMENT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON HIS CALL FOR STRIKE FOLLOWING ANTICIPATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN PM GANDHI AND KASHMIR LEADER SHEIKH ABDULLAH, BHUTTO REITERATED THAT GOP WISHED TO DEMONSTRATE TO PAKS AND TO SHOW WORLD THAT PEOPLE OF KASHMIR WANT THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THE STRIKE, HE SAID, IS NOT GOING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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GIVE THEM THAT RIGHT BUT IT WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT THE

SOLUTION THEY ARE SEEKING IS NOT AN AGREEMENT WHICH
BYPASSES LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF JAMMU AND
KASHMIR STATE AND THE RIGHTS OF PAKISTAN.

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